1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
20.	Orissa	2,176	11,509	4,226	8,425	5,577	7,630
21.	Punjab	800	1,701	882	875	2,435	425
22.	Rajasthan	9,952	13,346	2,853	7,990	22,024	9,594
23.	Sikkim	71	120	164	138	254	209
24.	Tamil Nadu	7,500	8,338	3,072	7,156	12,538	5,006
25.	Tripura	425	204	446	570	589	1,410
26.	Uttar Pradesh	2,209	14,366	7,024	10,947	3,587	1,740
27.	Uttarakhand	450	484	111	1,896	2,494	3,141
28.	West Bengal	3,669	2,945	3,900	3,039	4,761	513
29.	A & N Islands	14	63	45	31	6	0
30.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	18	36	16	9	8	13
31.	Daman & Diu	0		0	0	0	0
32.	Delhi	0		0	0	0	0
33.	Lakshadweep	10	0	3	0	7	0
34.	Puducherry	15	104	64	85	21	1
35.	Chandigarh	0		0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	56,270	97,215	73,120	107,350	155,499	71,234

*Number of habitations covered/addressed as on October 31, 2007

Violation of TV norms by broadcasters

*94. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several TV broadcasters like Sony TV are telecasting advertisements in non-empanelled serials/programmes of Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether these broadcasters are violating guidelines and norms of DAVP by telecasting advertisements on non-empanelled serials/programmes of DAVP; and

(d) if so, the action taken against these broadcasters and whether DAVP would recover advertisement cost from these channels and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir. DAVP empanels only TV Channels and not serials or programmes.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Unregulated growth of BPOs

*95. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been unregulated growth of Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) companies;

(b) if so, whether the employees are made to work for longer hours leading to stress;

(c) if so, whether it is proposed to appoint a regulator for such companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (e) There have been reports in newspapers about BPO employees facing stressful situation. The working conditions in the Business Process Outsourcing Companies are largely regulated by the provisions of the Shops and Establishments Act, of the respective State Governments. The working hours of BPO employees are governed by the provisions of Shops and Establishments Act enacted and implemented by the State Governments. The State Governments which are the "Appropriate Governments" under various labour laws for BPOs, are legally vested with powers to deal with violations of labour laws. Since labour laws are already applicable to BPOs and are regulated accordingly, Ministry of Labour & Employment has no proposal to appoint a regulator for BPO Companies. If specific complaints are received about the employees being made to work for longer hours, leading to stress, the matter will be taken up with the appropriate authorities.

Definition of Indirect Foreign Shareholding

*96. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA SEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion has suggested a significant relaxation of the definition of indirect foreign shareholding;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Foreign investment in an Indian Company investing in another Indian company is referred to as indirect foreign shareholding in the latter Indian company. Government has separately notified the policy for calculating foreign investment in Investment Companies in Infrastructure/ Service Sectors attracting sectoral caps; Telecom Sector; Uplinking of TV Channels and Insurance Sector. The FDI policy including notified guidelines is reviewed on a continuous basis for further simplification/harmonisation.

World Bank aid for upgradation of ITIs

*97. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has been providing aid for the upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs);

(b) if so, details of the scheme;

(c) whether the World Bank has given the aid under certain terms and conditions;

(d) if so, the details of such conditions;

(e) the ITIs identified for such upgradation and on what basis; and

(f) the stakes of the State Government in the upgradation of such ITIs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Government of India has taken up Vocational Training Improvement Project for upgradation of 400 Government